

How to Make your Comments Count for the Proposed Sloan Hills Competitive Mineral Material Sales Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your interest in the Proposed Sloan Hills Competitive Mineral Material Sales Environmental Impact Statement. Comments received in response to public scoping that started when the Federal Register Notice of Intent was published June 11, 2007 through January 4, 2008 will be used to draft the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

BLM is interested in your comments regarding this EIS. The following information would be the most useful:

- Any additional information, data or analysis which should be considered
- Are there additional issues, concerns, or opportunities (not already identified) which BLM should consider?
- Are there additional alternatives (not already identified) which BLM should consider?

Please note that petitions and form letters are only counted as one comment.

Comments on the EIS will be accepted in the following ways:

- Verbal comments at the following public meetings:
 - Scoping Meetings (held previously)
 - Draft EIS Public Meetings (Not yet scheduled – to be determined)
- Written comments* provided via the following:
 - at public meetings
 - email (sloanhillseis@blm.gov)
 - fax (702-515-5023)
 - postal mail

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Tips for making effective comments:

- Be brief so the reviewer does not miss the point of your comment.
- Be specific so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns. Say “I am concerned about how this will affect...” rather than just saying “Don’t do this.”
- Know your subject so the comments are both focused and accurate.
- State the facts and back them up where possible. Be sure to reveal your sources of information to help make your point.
- Be honest and realistic. Distortions of facts or misstatements may cause the reviewer to question the accuracy of your other statements. Requests that are not legal or feasible also reduce the credibility of your comments

- Be polite. Even though you may be upset about a proposal, try to state your opinion objectively. Communication is increased by extending the same courtesies to Agency staff that you expect from them.

Click [here](#) to download a comment form for this project. The next comment opportunity will be when the Draft EIS is available for public review and comment.

* - If you provide written comments and wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations will be available for public inspection in their entirety.